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SUBJECT: LUNCHEON REMARKS BY WILLY BRANDT: "ECONOMIC DETENTE"

- 1. FRG PERM REP VON WECHMAR HOSTED LUNCHEON FOR WILLY BRANDT MARCH 26. GUESTS INCLUDED SYG WALDHEIM AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES OF PERMANENT MEMBERS OF SECURITY COUNCIL, IRELAND (FOR EC-9), ITALY, GDR, AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA.
- 2. BRANDT'S TOAST STRESSED:

(A) FRG'S EFFORTS TO FOSTER UNDERSTANDING IN EUROPE. THESE INCLUDE RENUNCIATION OF FORCE AND ACCEPTANCE EXISTING REALITIES. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHILE LATTER "BITTER TO BEAR" FOR FRG, FRG HAS RESIGNED SELF TO IT

IN ORDER SAFEGUARD PEACE.

- (B) IMPORTANCE OF FRG'S TIES WITH WEST AND NATO.
- (C) SIGNIFICANCE OF DETENTE SINCE "BOTH TENSION AND

RELAXATION ARE CONTAGIOUS."

- (D) RENUNCIATION OF FORCE AND ACCEPTANCE OF REALITIES SHOULD BECOME "KEYWORDS" FOR "POSITIVE COEXISTENCE" IN MIDDLE EAST AND CYPRUS.
- (E) CONCEPT OF ECONOMIC DETENTE. TO MEET TENSIONS IN WORLD ECONOMY, EC-9 PLAYING MAJOR ROLE IN SEARCH FOR BALANCED SOLUTIONS. DETENTE IN ECONOMIC MATTERS SHOULD NOT BE CONCERN ONLY OF WESTERN INDUSTRIALIZED STATES. DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING MUST COOPERATE LEST LEAST-DEVELOPED SUFFER DISASTROUS AFFECTS OF ENERGY CRISIS. SOVIETS WITH CONECON SHOULD BECOME MORE "NOTICEABLY COMMITTED."
- (F) THE UN "SYMBOLIZES AWARENESS" OF NEED FOR COOPERATION.
- 3. COMMENT: MEMBER OF BRANDT'S PARTY TOLD US AMBASSADOR WHITE AT LUNCHEON THAT, DURING BRANDT'S RECENT VISIT TO MEXICO, BRANDT HAD TRIED ON CONEPT OF ECONOMIC DETENTE WITH MEXICO'S PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA AND VENEZUELA'S PRESIDENT PEREZ. LATTER HAD REACTED MODERATELY, BUT FURMER EXPRESSED STRONG OPPOSITION TO CONCEPT.

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